

**RESOLUTION
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF WATERFORD
DESIGNATING MARCH 25, 2020
CEREBRAL PALSY AWARENESS DAY**

- Whereas,** a group of permanent disorders of the development of movement and posture that are attributed to nonprogressive disturbances that occur in the developing brain is referred to as “cerebral palsy”;
- Whereas,** cerebral palsy, the most common motor disability in children, is caused by damage to 1 or more specific areas of the developing brain, which usually occurs during fetal development before, during, or after birth;
- Whereas,** the majority of children who have cerebral palsy are born with cerebral palsy, but cerebral palsy may be undetected for months or years;
- Whereas,** 75 percent of individuals with cerebral palsy also have 1 or more developmental disabilities, including epilepsy, intellectual disability, autism, visual impairment, or blindness;
- Whereas,** according to information released by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention—
(1) the prevalence of cerebral palsy is not changing over time; and
(2) an estimated 1 in 323 children has cerebral palsy;
- Whereas,** approximately 764,000 individuals in the United States are affected by cerebral palsy;
- Whereas,** although there is no cure for cerebral palsy, treatment often improves the capabilities of a child with cerebral palsy;
- Whereas,** scientists and researchers are hopeful for breakthroughs in cerebral palsy research;
- Whereas,** researchers across the United States conduct important research projects involving cerebral palsy; and
- Whereas,** the Charter Township of Waterford, Board of Trustees, can raise awareness of cerebral palsy in the public and the medical community:

Now, therefore, be it Resolved, that the Charter Township of Waterford designates March 25, 2020, as “Cerebral Palsy Awareness Day” and encourages each individual in the Charter Township of Waterford to become better informed about and aware of cerebral palsy.

March 25, 2020

Kim Markee, Township Clerk